

COBRA

Thunderbolt Star

THE SPACE PIRATE



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A month ago,
the Venus ship
suddenly went
missing after it was
loaded with gold
intended to be
a donation from
Venus to Earth.

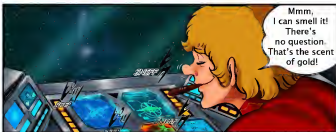
The where-
abouts
of the Venus
ship are still
unknown!



There was
no accident.
The Venus ship
was raided...
by pirates.

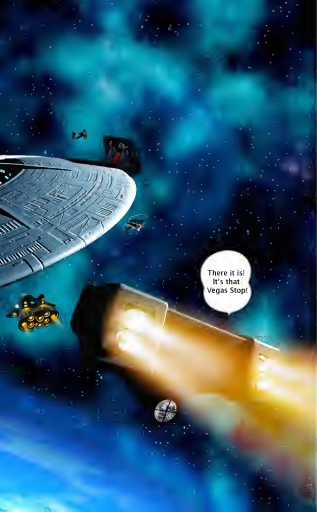
Authorities are
looking into
the possibility of
an accident
involving
a meteorite.



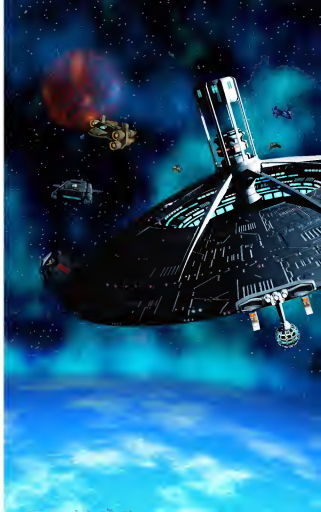


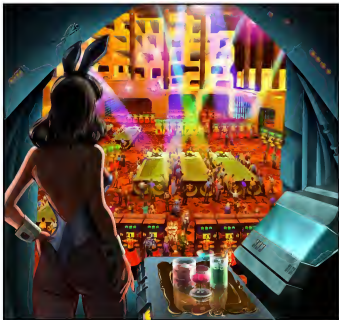
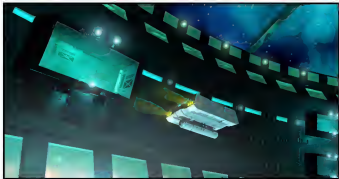


There it is!
It's that
Vegas Stop!



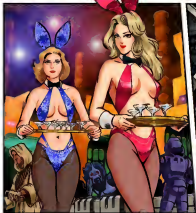
There it is!
It's that
Vegas Stop!



















Hey, bunny girl.
You didn't
happen to see
this symbol on
that ship,
did you?



A ship,
you say!



Like yesterday,
I found this
strange ship
that was all
scratched up
in storage.

And
I discover
all these
things.



The
Venus
ship
...



Yeah! It had
that sign
painted on it!
How did
you know?



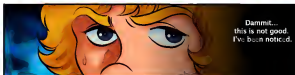
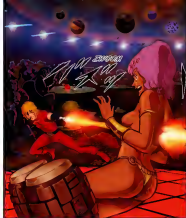
Well,
umm...



And
where is
this storage
facility?

















Urgh...
I have to
tell Cobra...

Their boss,
Hammerbolt
Joe is planning to
ambush them.



Hey bunny,
be
a good girl
and wait in
the room.



I guess
I have
to go directly
to the boss!



I've lost
contact with
Lady all of
a sudden...
Could it
be...?

Don't make a sound,
or I'll crush your
neck with
the 500 kilos worth
of pressure in
my grip.



Ugh!
Wh...
Who are
you?



All right, then.
Take me to your boss,
would ya?
I want to challenge
him to a hand
of poker.

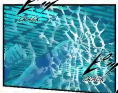
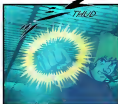


Bahahahaha!
Welcome,
Mr. Cobra!



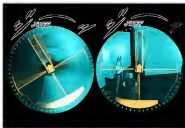
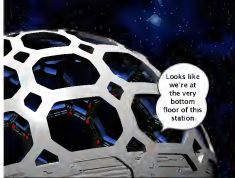






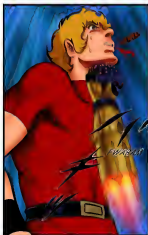




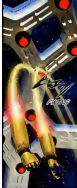














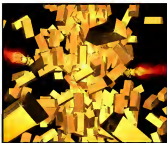


Dammit!
Go back!

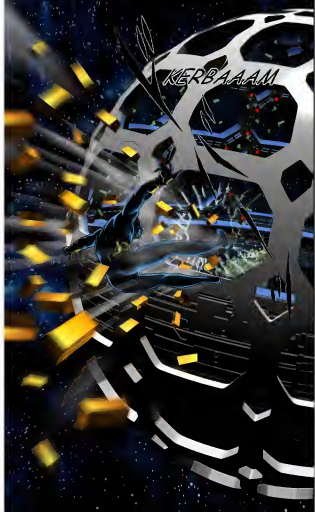


There's
too
much
inertial

Damn!
He turned off
the gravity!
I can't control
them properly!



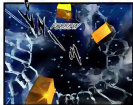




Now he's just
another moon
orbiting
Venus.



An auto-
matic
vacuum
preven-
tion
shutter
...



I'm Lieutenant
Lucia Roddock
of the
Undercover
Investigation
Squad of
the Galaxy
Patrol.



I just
contacted
the Patrol.
They'll be
here soon.

I forgot
one thing.
I forgot to
ask your
name.



It's over,
huh
Cobra?

Hehe,
me?







The Secret of the Psychogun







So this is goodbye to Earth, huh...?



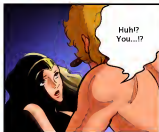














A camera!



Huh?



Why did you try to escape?



Not just any camera, an X-ray camera!



Umm...

Well, speak up! Who sent you here? And what were you trying to do with that camera?



An explanation? Well, I'd love to hear it. I doubt you came here just to get nude shots of me.

Cobra, wait. There must be an explanation for all this.



She made a fool of me. She made me think that she was bein' chased to get closer to me.

Son of a... are you with the Pirate Guild too...?

















There's no point
in trying to be
tricky here.
Let's go in from
the front
entrance.





Heh heh
heh.
Cobra's
here...



Cobra, these
are some
powerful shock-
waves! Those
are Psycho-
guns!

Looks like
they're
already
here.



Their fire is accurate.
They must be using
infrared scopes.



They're
swarming
all over
the
place.

So it
seems...



But there's no need for
that when you have a Psychogun!

















You coward!
Show yourself,
Zigoba!

Bah hah hah hah.
Hah hah hah...



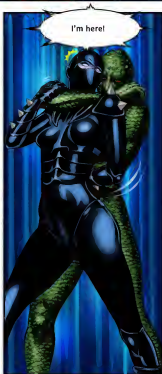
Ugh!
Lady!



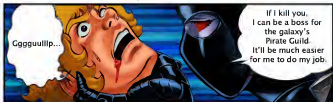
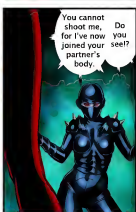
Heh heh
heh heh.
I can
change my
molecular
structure
at will.

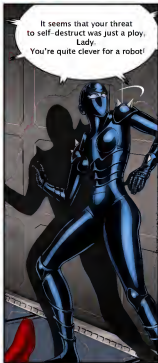


I can slip my
molecules
right through
the molecules
of another
object or being.

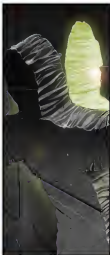
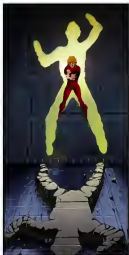
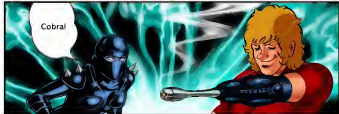


I'm here!











Huh? Hey,
Cobra where
did you
go?

But
you're no
average
person...




He calculated
your mental
strength
as if you were
an average
person.

Zigoba made
one mistake.



These beautiful girls
just don't seem to want
to let me go!

Heeey, Lady!
It looks like our
departure from Earth
is gonna be delayed
yet again!



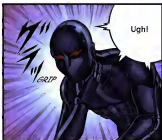
Hmph!
He's unbelievable.
He was on the brink of death
moments ago...!



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Thank you very
much for visiting
Lune Museum.



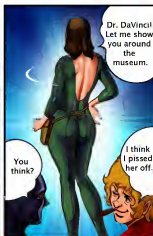
You are there-
fore able to view
these items free
of worry of them
being damaged
as a result of being
kept in this
museum.



Each article is kept in
a case that mimics
the environment of
where the article was
produced or excavated.

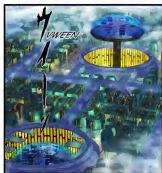


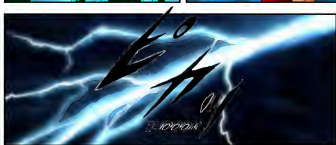
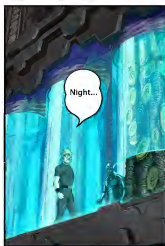














At night...
the entire city goes
underground.
Any piece of metal
left outside, no
matter how small,
would be struck
by lightning.

Yeah... No one goes
out at night.
If anyone tries to
go out in a plane or
a car they'll
be hit by lightning
and blown to bits.

Night time
on this
planet is
utter hell.

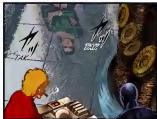
In any case,
it's impossible
to approach or leave
this tower at night.

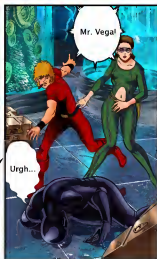
I hear this
museum acts
as a sort of
lightning rod.

We just need
a way to escape...
without using a
plane or anything
made of metal!

In other words,
the nighttime
is a form of
natural secu-
rity for the
museum.

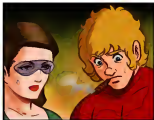
But... the anti-aircraft
radars surrounding
the tower don't work
in the lightning...
That's its weak point.





Phew,
that's a relief.
There aren't
any alien
doctors
here...

He's
con-
scious.



The museum is
not responsible
for anything
that happens
if you do...

Oh, and please
refrain from
entering the
exhibition
hall at night...



Well,
I should be
leaving.



They're very
aggressive.
Well, good
night to
the both of
you.

Hahaha.
The guard
dogs.



Anything...
that
happens?



Mm...

Looks like
the time
has come,
Cobra...



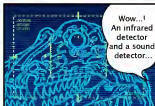




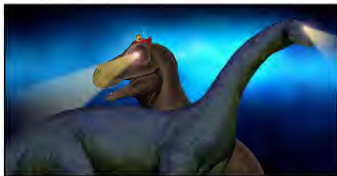


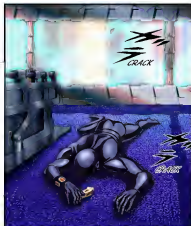




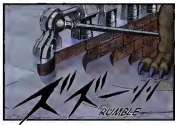












Awesome!
I made it to
the top
floor!



Wooooah.
Wait for me,
my dear Dragon
Crystal.
You'll be in
my arms in
just a minute.





Gasp...
what's that?
There's some-
one on top
of Unit 7!



All right,
Unit 8 is
checking
up on Unit
7 now.

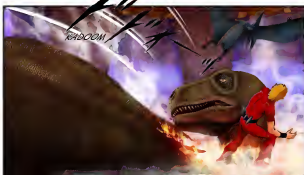


Tsk. Unit 8,
shoot and kill
that man!

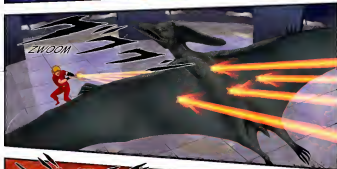
No, it's
probably a thief
disguised as
the doctor in
an attempt to
steal the
Dragon
Crystal!



Dr.
DaVinci...!











They'll be here soon. I can't wait much longer!

It was a little slip-up. How are things on your end?

Yeah, I can hear, you dunce! You alerted the entire building!

Vegal Can you hear? I got the Dragon Crystal! Answer me!

All right, I'm setting my clock.

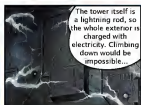
Then let's time this right. Exactly one minute from now!

There's no need to wait. I'll be saying adios to this body within the minute!

...suti

Time...

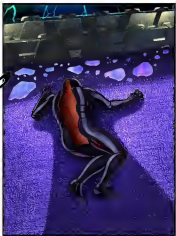
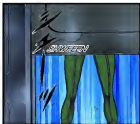
















Visitors of the Underground



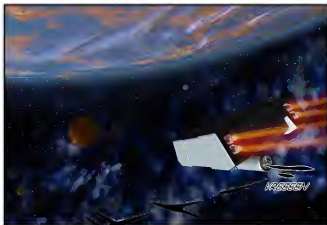


Route 770
Point 7.



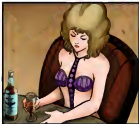
Old Man
Zingolo's
there!

If I'm not
mistaken,
Planet Rifle is
on this route.



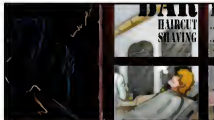










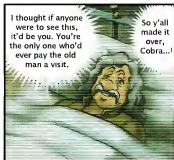












So y'all
made it
over,
Cobra...!



I fought hard
to protec' them
mines, but I'm
an ol' man.



I dunno what,
but they up to
something that
they don't want
no one to find
out about.

The Pirate
Guild...
but why!?

An' they
killed
anyone
who
stood up
to 'em...

It was three years ago.
Some folks from the
Pirate Guild came roun
and they done
chased all the workers
out from the mines.

No way!

Cobra, I wanna ask y'all
a favor. It's Yuko...
On topa destroyin'
my mines,
they done kidnapped
my granddaughter.

I told Herbie
where the
Mole is at...

I built him
to look for ore,
but he's still as
good as any ol'
Guild Mole.

The Guild's
headquarters
are underground.
I done made
y'all a Mole
to help y'all
get there.

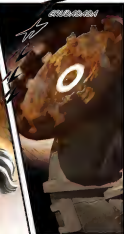
Hear me out,
Cobra. Please
save Yuko
from the
Guild...



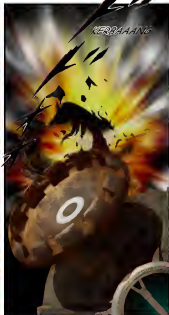


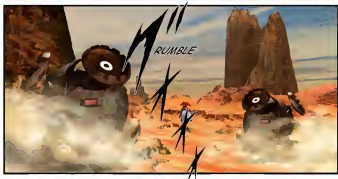












Got it!
I'll take
care of him
right away!

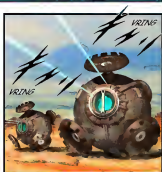


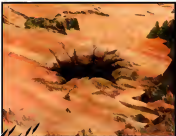
He saw us!
Don't let
him get
away!



Oh man!
They're
after me!





























Ahh, so this is
Old Man
Zingolo's Mole!



The test drive
might get
a little rough.



It's no use!
That door's
made of Lag
Alloy!

Lose the
auxiliary wheels!
Switch to Rolling
Crusher mode to
ram through
the door!





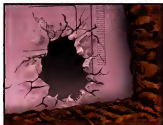
Raise
the catapult!

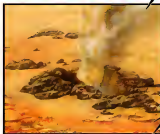
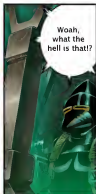
Fire in
the hole!

Well, it'd be
rude not to
greet our
guests at
the door.

NERG-NN

GRUBADA



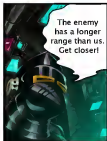


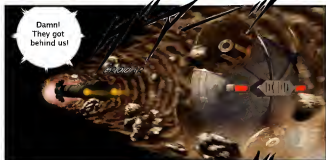


Enemy confirmed 70 degrees from port!









All right
then,
watch this!



...!
There's two
more in
front of
us...!

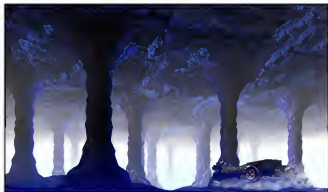




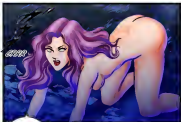




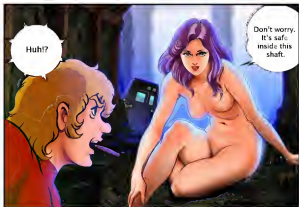














Rodo-caine!?



It's a withdrawal symptom of the Rodocaine.

Yes. I'm okay, but the others have really lost their minds.



Yuko, you're all right!



That's right. This is the Guild's massive underground drug manufacturing facility.

They say that refining this stuff produces Rodocaine, a drug 20 times as addictive as heroin...

Oh, I get it. So they mine for Rodonum ore here...

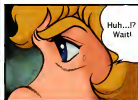


It leads to the heart of the underground manufacturing facility...

Where does this mine shaft lead...?



Aww man, we got ourselves in a serious situation... Our Mole was blown up. We need another way out.



Huh...!? Wait!



Look Cobra,
that's the
inside of
the facility!



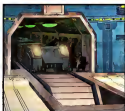
They've been given Rodocaine.
They've lost their senses and
are mentally incapacitated.
When they run out of their
supply, they'll end up like
the girls you saw outside.

Who
are
they...?



I slipped away by
pretending to be
insane and joining
those girls
outside.

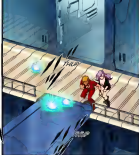
Basically
living
corpses,
huh? That's
awful...



This plant is
massive!
I'm betting
that exhaust port
runs all the way up
to the surface.

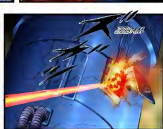


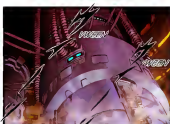






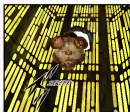
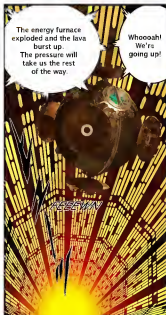






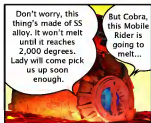












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